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Customer letters in

Support of

Energy efficiency &  
decoupling

Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and  
energy efficiency, Southwest Gas Co. rate case,  
# G-01551A-10-0458

Dear Commissioners,

As a Southwest Gas customer very concerned  
about energy costs and waste I strongly urge  
you to support the adoption of both energy  
efficiency and decoupling in the SWG rate case.  
Energy efficiency and creating local jobs are  
goals that EE and decoupling will promote.  
Additionally, EE and decoupling are projected  
to help reduce energy bills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronald Proctor

1031 E. Copper St.

Tucson, AZ 85719

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Re DOCKET # G-01551A-10-0458

CHAIRMAN & COMMISSIONERS  
A.C.C.  
1200 W. WASHINGTON ST.  
PHOENIX, AZ 85007

In support decoupling &  
energy efficiency

DEAR GARY (& COMMISSIONERS)

AS A SOUTHWEST GAS CUSTOMER & AN ARIZONIAN WHO IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COSTS OF ENERGY & ENERGY WASTE, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF BOTH ENERGY EFFICIENCY & DECOUPLING IN THE SOUTHWEST GAS RATE CASE (DOCKET G-01551A). OUR CURRENT SYSTEM ISN'T FOR THOSE OF US INTERESTED IN CONSERVING ENERGY & LOWERING UTILITY BILLS. WE ARE SPENDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS & MANY JOBS OUT OF THE STATE TO BUY FUEL FOR ENERGY NEEDS. IF WE DON'T FIX THE PROBLEM NOW, WE ARE SETTING OURSELVES UP TO PAY HIGHER ENERGY BILLS BECAUSE UTILITIES WILL BUY MORE FUEL FROM OUT OF STATE & BUILD MORE INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY PAY FOR ON OUR UTILITY BILLS. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE CURRENT SYSTEM FINANCIALLY REWARDS UTILITIES FOR SELLING US MORE ENERGY THAN WE NEED. THIS RESULTS IN WASTEFUL ENERGY USE THAT DRIVES BILLS UP.

THE COMMISSION & THE UTILITIES SHOULD BE HELPING ARIZONIANS LOWER ENERGY BILLS. WE CAN DO THIS THROUGH INCREASED ENERGY EFFICIENCY & THROUGH DECOUPLING, WHICH REMOVES THE UTILITY INCENTIVE TO WASTE.

AS A RATEPAYER, I WANT YOU TO SUPPORT BOTH DECOUPLING & ENERGY CONSERVATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

BE WELL, GARY.

Phil Lipes

Oct. 28, 2011

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

*Customer in Support of decoupling  
+ energy efficiency*

Re: Southwest Gas rate case G-01551A-10-0458

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I have a strong interest in increasing energy efficiency in Arizona because it saves money, is the lowest cost resource, and is far better for human health and the environment than burning coal and gas. As a physician, I know the health costs of pollution from burning fossil fuels. As a Southwest Gas customer, I want to see utilities have an incentive to use less, not more, energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies.

Thanks you for your work on this important issue.

Eve Shapiro M.D.  
5373 N. Via Alcalde  
Tucson, Az 85718

RE: rate case #G-01551A-10-0458

October 26, 2011

In support decoupling & energy efficiency

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

I am a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the cost of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge you to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering energy bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for our utility bills (plus interest). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use.

As a rate payer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Sincerely, Bob Exum 4417 E La Jolla Cr. Tucson, AZ.

Mari Helen High, PhD  
2600 N. Lloyd Bush Dr  
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**Chairman and Commissioners  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
12 W Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**RE: Consumer Comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, Southwest  
Gas Company rate case, #G01551A-10-0458**

As a customer of Southwest Gas, a friend of the environment, and a voter, I am in favor of decoupling. I want the Corporation Commission to remove the incentive that Southwest Gas has to promote greater consumption of natural gas rather than less.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mari Helen High

October 26, 2011

Re: Consumer Comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, Southwest Gas Company rate case, #G-015514-10-0458

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

As an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge you to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which <sup>we</sup> will ultimately pay for on our utilities bills (plus interest). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills up!

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling and energy conservation. Decoupling removes the utility incentive to waste.

I want <sup>you</sup> to support both decoupling and energy conservation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Day  
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October 15, 2011

6-01551A-10-0458

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am interested in increasing energy efficiency in Arizona for a few reasons. Energy efficiency saves money, saves natural resources such as coal and natural gas and it also reduces air pollution. Despite the fact that Arizona is a leader in the nation in solar power potential, its solar-powered generation facilities are small and the state has not yet developed its solar resource on a large scale. More than one-half of Arizona households rely on electricity as their primary energy source for home heating.

I understand that utility companies lose money when we conserve electricity and gas, but they have always made money off of us the people when we waste it and use more. The more they sell, the higher their profits. This is an issue because they are taking advantage of those who lack the time, money or expertise to do energy conservation themselves.

I believe that in order to help change this utility companies need to modify their business models to help us to use energy more efficiently. I want to see utilities have an incentive to use less, not more, energy through strong energy efficiency and decoupling policies.

Decoupling makes these programs financially feasible by aligning customers' interests with utility companies' interests, allowing utility companies to establish conservation programs that save us cash. Decoupling on its own won't impact our bills, but when combined with effective conservation, our bills will go down. Arizonans will continue to send more and more money out of state. There will be fewer jobs and a weaker economy in Arizona.

Decoupling and conservation programs have already been demonstrated to save money and energy in other states, and an independent, scientific analysis by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory shows that ratepayers in Arizona would save billions of dollars with decoupling and conservation.

Overall, it will take all of us as a collective unit to create change and we can only do this with your help. Thank you to the members of the Arizona Corporation Commissioners for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Paulina Bricca

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# Petition name

1. Michael Buccellato
2. Dennis Arco
3. Casey Caylor
4. Christine Lazcano
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10. Naushkuma
11. William Hall-Himble
12. Crispin Beha
13. Jose Velazquez
14. Adriana Calvillo
15. Regine Arenas
16. Alice Chu
17. Vyjerna Singh
18. Jared Masch
19. Joe Sullivan
20. Courtney Off
21. Anna Mastro
22. Katie McCausland
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24. Becca Zayon
25. Sasha Bortnik
26. Dara Levine
27. Matt McCall

# Signatures

Signature

Michael Buccellato  
Dennis Arco  
Casey Caylor  
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10/26/2011

Re Docket # G-01551A-10-0458  
01551A

Chairman Pierce and Commissioners;

Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling  
and energy efficiency, Southwest Gas  
Company rate case # G-01551A-10-0458

as a Southwest Gas customer I strongly urge you  
to support the adoption of both energy efficiency  
AND decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

If we don't fix the problems now, we are setting  
ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because  
utilities will buy more fuel from out of  
state and build more infrastructure. The  
current system financially rewards utilities  
for selling us more energy than we need.

Increased energy efficiency and through  
decoupling removes the utility incentive  
to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both  
decoupling and energy conservation.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
Jerry Pawlowski  
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**Chairman and Commissioners  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Az 85007**

~~Co. Diana Brown~~


~~PHX 602-222-9201~~

**RE: Consumer Comments In favor of decoupling and energy  
efficiency, Southwest Gas Company rate case, #G01551A-10-  
0458**

I am a consumer of SW Gas. Decoupling is a way of putting producers of energy on the same page as consumers who are seeking energy efficiency. It's a great way to make energy conservation and efficiency pay off for both producer and consumers?

If you, our commissioners, adopt decoupling for this rate case, we can all save money (and consume less natural gas without penalty) now and in the long run. SW Gas would be assured of covering their costs plus a small profit and we could be protected from spiking cost increases. Over 20 states have adopted decoupling as a way to encourage energy conservation and efficiency.

Please approve this rate case.



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